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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce announced today that the increase in United States general imports (unadjusted for seasonal variation) from \$1,176.3 million in September to \$1,340.0 million in October reflected increases in imports from all areas as follows: Western Europe, from \$319.1 to \$412.6 million; Canada, from \$270.6 to \$309.1 million; Latin American Republics, from \$251.5 to \$253.2 million, and "all other countries", from \$335.1 to \$365.1 million.

The Bureau stated further that, from September to October imports from O.E.C.D.² countries in Europe rose from \$313.7 to \$405.8 million and those from sterling area countries, from \$197.2 to \$239.4 million. Increases were reported in imports from all continents except Australia and Oceania.

¹On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at \$1,318.9 million in October as compared to \$1,249.0 million in September. (See the October 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-I.) Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

²Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development countries in Europe. Formerly identified as O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries.

Imports from Europe climbed from \$327.1 million in September to \$420.5 million in October mainly as a result of increases in imports from the United Kingdom, from \$70.7 to \$102.4 million; France, from \$35.5 to \$49.8 million; West Germany, from \$67.9 to \$81.8 million, and Italy, from \$29.4 to \$40.1 million. The increase in imports from Canada, as noted above, was the chief factor in the rise in imports from North America from \$362.5 to \$402.4 million.

Imports from Asia rose from \$220.8 to \$244.5 million owing chiefly to increases in imports from the Federation of Malaya, from \$14.1 to \$19.8 million; Japan from \$94.3 to \$99.5 million and Kuwait, from \$7.3 to \$11.0 million. Although the increase in imports from South America was small, from \$199.3 to \$201.4 million, sizable counterbalancing changes were reported in imports from two countries of this continent. Imports from Chile rose from \$8.1 to \$14.8 million while those from Venezuela fell from \$71.4 to \$65.0 million. Imports from Africa increased slightly from \$37.3 to \$42.0 million.

During the period, imports from Australia and Oceania declined slightly from \$29.2 to \$28.2 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in an number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than \$50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the "Explanation of the Sampling Procedure for Estimating Low Valued Imports" in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1961 AND SELECTED

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country ¹	October 1961	September 1961	October 1960	Monthly average 1960
Total trade.....	1,340.0	1,176.3	1,157.2	1,221.2
Western Europe.....	412.6	319.1	333.1	348.7
Canada.....	309.1	270.6	240.7	241.8
Latin American Republics.....	253.2	251.5	278.5	294.0
All other countries.....	365.1	335.1	304.9	336.6
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe ²	405.8	313.7	326.2	340.9
Sterling area countries.....	239.4	197.2	180.3	203.5
North America.....	402.4	362.5	334.1	369.1
Greenland.....	(*)	0.2	0.1	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	309.1	270.6	240.7	241.8
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico ^a	35.5	32.4	27.8	36.9
Guatemala ^a	3.3	2.1	5.9	4.9
British Honduras ^b	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
El Salvador ^a	2.0	2.3	1.4	2.7
Honduras ^a	2.0	1.9	1.6	2.8
Nicaragua ^a	0.8	1.3	2.3	1.7
Costa Rica ^a	2.6	2.2	3.6	2.9
Republic of Panama ^a	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.0
Canal Zone.....	0.3	(*)	0.1	0.3
Bermuda ^b	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas ^b	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7
Cuba ^a	3.1	4.0	7.6	29.8
Jamaica ^b	6.7	6.2	5.9	4.5
Haiti ^a	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.5
Dominican Republic ^a	5.7	7.2	10.5	9.2
Leeward and Windward Islands ^b	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago ^b	3.6	9.0	6.1	4.6
Netherlands Antilles.....	22.8	18.3	16.5	22.1
French West Indies.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
South America.....	201.4	199.3	219.0	203.0
Colombia ^a	24.1	22.0	36.2	25.0
Venezuela ^a	65.0	71.4	76.7	79.0
British Guiana ^b	3.5	1.6	1.3	1.0
Surinam.....	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5
French Guiana.....	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Ecuador ^a	5.6	5.8	6.3	5.5
Peru ^a	16.2	18.0	16.7	15.2
Bolivia ^a	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.7
Chile ^a	14.8	8.1	19.8	16.1
Brazil ^a	56.5	57.2	48.9	47.5
Paraguay ^a	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.7
Uruguay ^a	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.8
Argentina ^a	9.0	8.9	6.9	8.2
Falkland Islands ^b.....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	420.5	327.1	340.4	355.6
Iceland ^{b, c, d}	0.7	1.7	1.4	0.9
Sweden ^{c, d}	12.1	9.9	14.3	14.2
Norway ^{c, d}	6.2	3.8	5.1	5.5
Denmark ^{c, d}	9.8	7.8	8.1	8.2

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country ¹	October 1961	September 1961	October 1960	Monthly average 1960
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom ^{b, c, d}	102.4	70.7	72.8	82.7
Ireland (Eire) ^{b, c, d}	4.9	1.9	1.9	2.4
Netherlands ^{c, d}	21.0	19.7	18.3	17.8
Belgium and Luxembourg ^{c, d}	34.6	31.4	27.2	30.4
France ^{c, d}	49.8	35.5	28.6	33.0
West Germany ^{c, d}	81.8	67.9	75.1	74.7
East Germany	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Austria ^{c, d}	5.0	4.1	5.0	4.1
Czechoslovakia	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.0
Hungary	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Switzerland ^{c, d}	21.9	17.3	18.9	16.4
Finland ^c	3.9	3.1	4.2	4.4
Estonia	(*)	...	...	...
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.2
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	2.2	3.3	1.8	1.9
Azores	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain ^{c, d}	8.3	6.3	7.5	7.3
Portugal ^{c, d}	3.1	3.2	2.6	2.9
Gibraltar ^b	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus ^b	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Italy ^{c, d}	40.1	29.4	35.9	32.8
Free Territory of Trieste ^{c, d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia ^c	2.9	2.3	2.7	3.4
Albania	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Greece ^{c, d}	1.3	1.4	1.4	2.8
Rumania	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Turkey ^{c, d}	2.8	1.7	2.1	5.0
Asia	244.5	220.8	210.6	226.7
United Arab Republic (Syria Region)	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5
Lebanon	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.3
Iran (Persia)	5.5	5.1	3.2	4.3
Israel	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait ^b	11.0	7.3	10.3	10.3
Saudi Arabia	4.7	6.3	6.5	5.4
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	3.9	1.2	0.7	0.4
Aden ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein ^b	(*)	0.4	(*)	0.2
Afghanistan	0.6	0.3	1.2	1.7
India ^b	18.7	17.8	17.6	19.0
Pakistan ^b	1.9	3.3	1.9	3.0
Nepal	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Ceylon ^b	2.8	2.4	3.2	3.2
Burma ^b	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	3.8	2.5	3.5	4.6
Viet-Nam	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4
Laos	...	...	...	...
Cambodia	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6
Federation of Malaya ^b	19.8	14.1	10.4	13.0
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo ^b	0.9	1.7	1.1	1.6
Republic of Indonesia	12.9	14.0	15.7	18.0
Republic of the Philippines	27.4	28.2	19.9	25.5
Macao (Macau)	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	1.7	0.1	(*)	0.2

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country ¹	October 1961	September 1961	October 1960	Monthly average 1960
Asia—Continued				
North Korea.....	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Hong Kong ^b	12.4	10.8	9.9	11.6
Taiwan (Formosa).....	7.8	3.8	2.2	1.7
Japan.....	99.5	94.3	95.3	95.7
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
Australia and Oceania.....				
Australia ^b	28.2	29.2	16.6	22.2
New Guinea ^b	15.3	16.2	8.6	11.8
New Zealand ^b	0.2	0.1	(*)	0.1
British Western Pacific Islands ^b	12.3	11.9	7.8	9.9
French Pacific Islands.....	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
	(*)	0.4	(*)	0.2
Africa.....				
Morocco.....	42.0	37.3	36.5	44.6
Algeria.....	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.9
Tunisia.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Libya ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region).....	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Sudan.....	0.5	0.4	0.7	2.6
Canary Islands.....	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cameroun.....	(*)	...	...	0.1
Western Equatorial Africa ³	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6
Western Africa, n.e.c. ⁴	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Ghana ^b	2.9	1.5	2.7	2.2
Nigeria ^b	2.0	1.6	2.5	4.4
British West Africa, n.e.c. ^b	1.0	2.4	2.6	3.3
Madeira Islands.....	0.1	(*)	0.3	0.3
Angola.....	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.....	3.1	4.1	1.7	2.1
Liberia.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	(*)
Republic of the Congo ⁵	3.0	2.4	3.6	3.3
Somali Republic ⁶	6.7	6.9	5.7	5.7
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
French Somaliland.....	1.0	1.0	0.8	2.2
Seychelles and Dependencies ^b.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
British East Africa ^b.....	...	...	...	(*)
Mozambique.....	4.6	3.1	3.9	3.8
Malagasy Republic ⁷	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.4
Union of South Africa ^b	2.0	0.3	0.9	1.1
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland ^b	11.8	10.0	8.2	9.0
	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.4
Unidentified continents ⁸	1.0	0.2	...	...
Unidentified countries ⁸	1.0	0.2	...	...

^aLatin American Republics. ^bSterling area countries. ^cWestern Europe. ^dO.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than \$50,000. ¹For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. ²Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development countries in Europe. Formerly identified as O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. ³Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly French Equatorial Africa. ⁴Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly French West Africa and Republic of Togo. ⁵Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly Belgian Congo. ⁶Country designation established effective July 1960. Includes areas formerly known as "Somaliland" and "British Somaliland." The data shown for periods prior to July 1960 reflect combined totals on United States export trade with Somaliland and British Somaliland. ⁷Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly Madagascar. ⁸Countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries for low-value shipments. See "Effect of Sampling" on page 1 of this report for definition of low-value shipments and statement regarding source of data.